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SUBJ: BILATERAL S&T AGREEMENT WITH NEW ZEALAND

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1. CHANGES IN DRAFT TEXT PROPOSED BY NZ ACCEPTABLE TO US.
HOWEVER, ALTHOUGH NOT A POINT OF SUBSTANCE WE THINK TEXT OF
ARTICLE I WOULD READ MORE SMOOTHLY AS "WITH INITIAL
EMPHASIS ON AREAS OF ENERGY RESEARCH."

2. IN VIEW PERSONAL INTEREST OF PRIME MINISTER KIRK IN
THIS AGREEMENT, WE DEFER TO WISHES OF NZ GOVERNMENT REGARD*-
ING TIME AND PLACE OF SIGNING CEREMONY.

3. WE ARE IMPRESSED BY VIGOR WITH WHICH NZ ENTERING INTO
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THIS AGREEMENT AS EVIDENT FROM WILLINGNESS OF KIRK SPEND
UP TO NZ DOLLARS THREE MILLION ANNUALLY AND SWIFT APPOINT-

MENT OF DR. MAIDEN, WHOSE PROPOSED FEBRUARY VISIT FOR CONSULTATIONS MOST WELCOME. WE ARE EXPLORING QUESTION OF US FUNDING. WE NOTE HOWEVER THAT NZ'S GENEROUS INPUT COULD AMOUNT TO MAXIMUM ANNUAL EXPENDITURE EQUIVALENT TO US DOLLARS FOUR AND FIVE-TENTHS MILLION. OUR PRELIMINARY VIEW IS THAT FUNDING LEVELS MIGHT BE EXPLORED IN THE CONTEXT OF THE IDENTIFICATION OF MUTUALLY AGREEABLE PROJECTS UNDER THE AGREEMENT. FYI: NO US FUNDS HAVE BEEN APPROPRIATED

FOR THIS PURPOSE PRIOR TO SIGNING OF AGREEMENT AND WE ANTICIPATE WE MAY HAVE DIFFICULTY IN MATCHING THE

NEW ZEALAND CONTRIBUTION. HOWEVER, THIS WOULD NOT PRECLUDE COOPERATION IN THE CONTEXT OF ALREADY FUNDED ACTIVITIES. END FYI. RUSH

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